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Note: Only the conversations between Greenville and COMSUBPAC are transcribed below. All background conversations and SATHICOMM conversations not directly between Greenville and COMSUBPAC were not transcribed. Times are in HHMMSS local and have been reconstructed from occasions where the time was spoken in the COMSUBPAC command center. High confidence times are in black, lower confidence times are in red.

- ~134800 Time of start of the event is based solely on information provided by the CSP command center. (tape starts with a SATHICOM call in progress)
Oprep-3 Navy Blue, Over
- ~134817 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, standing by for Oprep-3 Navy Blue
- ~134828 COMSUBPAC, this is USS Greenville, Break, My position, 21-05.5N, 157-49.1W, situation, have experienced collision with surface vessel upon surfacing the ship, Break, Vessel appears to be taking on water and sinking at this time. I say again, the surface vessel appears to be taking on water and sinking at this time. How copy over?
- ~134909 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger, copy your Whiskey, 21-05.5N, 157-49.1W, ahh, Break, Have suffered collision with surface vessel and the vessel is taking on water. Over.
- ~134929 COMSUBPAC, COMSUBPAC, this is USS Greenville, USS Greenville, ahh, have Coast Guard contacted immediately (unintelligible) put people into this area to render assistance to small boat that has people in the water. Over.
- ~134950 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger, understand. Contacting Coast Guard to ahh allow for people to be ahh rescued from the vessel that is taking on water. Over.
- ~135008 COMSUBPAC, this is USS Greenville, have Captain Winney and LCDR Werner come to the (unintelligible) watchfloor and contact Coast Guard immediately to have them render assistance in this area. Over.
- ~135026 Greenville, this is Captain Winney, I'm on the watchfloor, we're contacting the Coast Guard now, ahh Roger, Over.
- ~135036 Captain Winney, Chief of Staff, ahh, ship is okay, seems to have contacted ahh, small boat that appears to have been a whale watcher on its way surfacing, appears to have collided with the boat, with the ahh, rudder of the ahh Greenville, ahh ship is on the surface, we're maneuvering to render assistance. Ahh, ship, ahh, the small ship that was out there, there are people in the water, and the ship has sunk.

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~135106 Greeneville, this is Captain Winney, ahh, COMSUBPAC watchfloor, Break, ahh, are you able to recover people on board or is sea state ahh, too high for that? (Unintelligible) arrange a Papa Hotel to...

~135119 Ahh, Captain Winney, COMSUB ahh, Greeneville, we are attempting to do that at this time, we're getting ready to put divers topside. Ahh, sea state is rough, ahh, we're maneuvering to get closer, will see what we can do. Over.

~135135 Greeneville, Ahh, COMSUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, Break, Ahh, also have you attempted to contact Coast Guard on bridge-to-bridge ahh, radio? Over.

~135146 SUBPAC, contact Coast Guard please, ahh, we have not manned the bridge yet.

~135152 Okay Greeneville, ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger, we're able to contact the Coast Guard, assistance will get out there shortly, Ahh, Roger, Out.

~135212 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, we will ahh, stay up on this net and ahh, hard copy OPREP-3 to (unintelligible) to follow, Greeneville out.

140234 At this point there is a 10 minute discrepancy in the timeline. It may be assumed that the tape was stopped and restarted, as at this point the tape warbles...there are no signs of people in the water, there are people in some of the liferafts. Over.

140246 Greeneville, ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, copy all, and relayed to Coast Guard. Over.

140256 SUBPAC, this is Greeneville, ahh, ensure that ahh, Captain Winney is making verbal report to CINCPACFLT and ahh, also call Naval Reactors ahh, Washington and Admiral Grossenbacher. Over.

140318 Greeneville, this is Captain Winney, reports have been made. Out.

140345 Greeneville, ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, ahh, Coast Guard reports they are ahh, sortieing a helo to come out and investigate the area. Also one of their surface ahh, ships are in route. Over.

140358 SUBPAC, this is Greeneville. Roger. Out.

140626 Greeneville, ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, ahh, Coast Guard inquires about weather conditions there, visibility, winds, sea states, ahh, and any other additional information. Over.

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140639 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, ahh, visibility is ahh, stand by. Out.

140749 SUBPAC, Greenville, Ahh, visibility, ahh good, ahh, overcast ahh, visibility at least 10,000 yards, sea state 2. Over.

140805 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger, Break, Request ahh, estimated wave height and swells. Over.

140816 SUBPAC, Greenville, Ahh, three to four feet. Over.

140827 Greenville, COMSUBPAC, Roger, Break, (nothing follows)

140925 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Coast Guard ETA for ahh, surface ship, time 1445. Over.

140935 SUBPAC, Greenville, Roger, Break, Ahh, there are eight lifeboats in the water, ahh, several of the lifeboats do not appear to have any ahh, people in them or at least they are not stirring, stirring around. Visual inspection of the lifeboats that we can see with ahh, people in them shows no signs of injured people, but ahh, be advised, that's from a periscope at a distance. Over.

141013 Greenville this is Coast Guard, ahh, or, correction, SUBPAC, Roger, will relay to Coast Guard, also ETA for their helo Two Zero Mikes, Over.

141027 SUBPAC, Greenville, ahh, Roger, Break, ahh, Two Zero Mikes helo, ahh, say again arrival time surface ship. Over.

141048 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, Ahh, also, ahh, if you can you let us know ahh, when you are able to establish any comms with some of those people there. Ahh, as you loiter in the area, see if there's any injuries, or if they've accounted for all people. Over.

141109 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, will attempt to do that, ahh, SUBPAC, say again arrival time Coast Guard surface ship. Over.

141121 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Coast Guard surface vessel should be ahh, there with an ETA of 1445 and ahh, helo in approximately ahh, One Seven Mikes. Over.

141138 Surface Ship 1445, is that Charlie? Over.

141148 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, ahh, that is Charlie. Over.

141300 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, ahh, be advised that ahh, there appears maybe to be a language barrier with the ship that this contact ahh, and ahh,

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we're looking into hopefully being able to make, ahh, make ahh, verbal communications with them, but ahh, right now, it appears they may be ahh, of ahh, Japanese in ahh, origin. Over.

141325 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC ahh, copy. Over.

141600 (Time is 1416 Local)

141622 COMSUBPAC this is Greenville, Over.

141625 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Over.

141708 Greenville, ahh, this is SUBPAC, ahh, do you have a firm count of bodies ahh, from the ship that are in liferafts? Over.

141719 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, That is negative, I show ahh, no hard ahh, count. Over.

141727 Greenville, ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, roger, it is imperative ahh, we establish a baseline at least of ahh, number of individuals of impacted, ahh, especially with communications barrier. Make sure we account for what is out there now and we don't lose anybody between now and when they get rescued. Over.

141746 And COMSUBPAC this is Greenville, Roger, I'll pass that information just as soon as I possibly ahh, can get it. Over.

141754 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, ahh, be advised ahh, from Coast Guard where we've just received a report their helo should be on station now. Ahh, are you having communications problems ahh, transmitting. Over.

141810 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, That is negative. Ahh, ahh, having no problems at this time. Over.

141833 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, numbers yeah of personnel involved on the ahh, fishing vessel is ahh, in excess of One Four people, of excess (unintelligible) say again there are more than One Four people. Over.

141854 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, ahh, copy One Four people, in excess of One Four people, ahh, Roger, ahh, One question, ahh, this occurred during surfacing ahh, CINCPACFLT wants to ahh, make sure they understand ahh, and that there is no significant damage to the ship. Ahh, Greenville is still seaworthy. Over.

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141917 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, That is ahh, Charlie. Ahh, Ship is seaworthy, do not fear (unintelligible) significant impact or damage to us at this time Ahh, that we can tell right now. Over.

141932 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger.

141959 Greeneville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, interrogative, when you're surfacing, was it a ahh, normal surfacing or ahh, emergency surfacing ahh, for visitors. Over.

142011 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, It was an emergency surfacing ahh, for visitors. Over.

142021 Greeneville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger. Over.

142043 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, did not break, say again. Over.

142050 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Over.

142056 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, did you copy my last? It was an emergency surface for the visitors. Over.

142103 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, copy, understand it occurred during the emergency surface or was it after you were getting the ahh, scope and the blower on (unintelligible)

142126 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, say again, over.

142132 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, interrogative, at what portion of the ahh, surfacing the collision occurred. Ahh, during the actual ahh, emergency blow to the surface or during ahh, running the blower? Over.

142146 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, the ship was conducting an emergency surface from 400 feet. The ship was ahh, with a up angle, ahead two thirds, and ahh, had blown, emergency blown, for 10 seconds from 400 feet. Ahh, the bow of the ship appeared to be out of the water and ahh, it was the stern area, the rudder, of the ship came in contact with the other vessel. Over.

142218 SUBPAC, err, Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Roger, Ahh, we had a bad report from Coast Guard earlier, ahh, they report the helo's 5 minutes out. Over.

142319 Greeneville, SUBPAC, copy all. SUBPAC Out.

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142347 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, ahh, in receipt of your hard copy message. Ahh, interrogative, how you got the ahh, name of the vessel. Over.

142400 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, we able to sight the name of the vessel ahh, through the scope, ahh, when we first sighted the vessel (Unintelligible). Over.

142411 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Out.

142647 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Interrogative, ahh, has the ahh, Coast Guard helo arrived on scene? Over.

142705 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Stand by. Over.

142723 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, Coast Guard helo in sight, ahh, communications established. Over.

142730 Greenville this is SUBPAC, Understand you have communications with Coast Guard helo, ahh, top priority is getting a reliable ahh, count of personnel. Also be advised ahh, we have been informed KITV television station ahh, has a vessel headed out your direction. Over.

142752 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger. Ahh, still having difficulties communicating with the ahh, survivors in rafts due to language problems. Ahh, standing by in the vicinity. Of the ahh, currents point ahh, received no ahh, personnel in the water. Ahh, based on thorough inspection. There are personnel in the liferafts. The ahh, obvious question is how many people were on board and how many are in the liferafts. Over.

142819 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Out.

142828 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, also, ahh, the inspection of the Greenville ship shows ahh, that it was definitely the rudder that came in contact with the ahh, the boat on the surfacing, ahh, the rudder is ahh, structurally sound but is missing many of the ahh, SHT ahh, tiles and ahh, shows signs of ahh, contact about ahh, halfway down on the ahh, on the rudder itself. Over.

142854 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Roger, ahh, be advised two TWR's enroute to your station also, ahh, interrogative, your ahh, stern light, ahh, anchor, aft anchor light ahh, status for ahh, rules of the road compliance. Over.

142924 CINCPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, Ahh, that will be hard to ascertain but we'll see what we can do. Over.

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142932 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, just interested in a quick look to see if the structure's still on top of the rudder ahh. If this goes into after hours, after sunset and stuff, ahh, we will have the TWR's out there, I'm not sure (unintelligible)

142949 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, ahh, structurally, it appears that the ahh, you know, the protector for the ahh, light is there, its just a matter of whether its hot or not. We won't be able to tell that until later on.

143004 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Roger, copy all. SUBPAC out.

143214 SUBPAC, Greenville, Ahh, Energized ahh, the anchor lights and ahh, stern lights, no grounds, but ahh, as I told you the structure of after light is intact but no way to really tell whether its on or not but there are no grounds in the system. Over.

143231 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Copy all. SUBPAC out.

143531 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Over.

143535 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Over.

143538 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, be advised Coast Guard Helo is on scene circling and small Coast Guard ahh, vessel, looks like about an 85 footer is ahh, visible enroute, ahh, coming ahh, this way. Over.

143557 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Roger, Are you able to establish comms with the Coast Guard Helo? Over.

143612 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, establishing comms with both Coast Guard (unintelligible) at this time. Over.

143622 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, request you say again. Over.

143630 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, establishing communications with both Coast Guard vessels at this time. Over.

143638 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, roger, request you inform us once you are able to establish comms. Also, be advised we're going to take over all ahh, subsequential reporting of the incident ahh, in OPREP-3 Navy Blue. Over.

143659 (Unintelligible) Greenville, Roger, we will draft a quicklook message then to you so you can have more information about ahh, the background to the ahh, comments of this event. Over.

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143712 Greenville, Ahh, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, ahh, will pass to Captain Winney, SUBPAC out.

143740 Greenville, Ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, once you are able to establish communications with Coast Guard, ahh, desire would be to establish ahh, on scene commander and turn that over to the Coast Guard. Over.

143809 SUBPAC, this is Greenville, Ahh, roger ahh, attempting to establish comms ahh, still with Coast Guard, will let you know when that is established. Over.

143821 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, Copy. Out.

144000 Sound of tape restarting, (Time is 1440)

144036 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Over.

144057 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Over.

144106 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville

144110 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, ahh, be advised ahh, the name of the ahh, vessel that you provided in your ahh, initial report ahh, conflicts with what Coast Guard has, we're trying to sort ahh, that con, conflict out, ahh, which might be ahh, of assistance in determining the number of ahh, personnel that were onboard. Over.

144130 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger. Over.

144154 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Over.

144158 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger. Over.

144203 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, ahh, heard your call up ahh, Standing by. Over.

144214 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, request you say again. Over.

144220 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, I say again, I heard your call up okay..... (Tape runs out)

New tape inserted and recording recommences. Approximately time 1444

≤144400 Greenville, this is SUBPAC, ahh, report from the Coast Guard ahh, in conversation with the Master of the vessel, indicates ahh, he has accounted

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for all personnel, but does not have an exact count. Ahh, we do have one possible injury, of a possible broken collarbone. Over

- <144420 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Roger, monitored the same conversation on the bridge to bridge. Over.
- <144904 Greeneville, Ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, be advised, Coast Guard is just reporting to us that there are 10 personnel unaccounted for. Over.
- <144916 SUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Ahh, roger, were going to report same to you. Ahh, thirty five ahh, onboard according to the Master, twenty five accounted for in wraps. Ahh, Over.
- <144942 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, copy all. Over.
- <144953 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Roger. Out.
- <145641 Tape runs out

New tape inserted and recording recommences. Approximate time 1501

- 150353 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, Be advised Coast Guard has been in ahh, conversation with the ahh, Japanese consulate and confirmed the name of the vessel as the EHIME MARU, ahh, and confirmed that there were 35 people on board, that is Three Five people. Ahh, Break, Also be advised, ETA of the TWR's, first TWR should be there in approximately Four Nine minutes, ahh, and the other one shortly thereafter. CDR Irgens is onboard ahh, with a cell phone. Number as follows (cell phone number provided). Over.
- 150440 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Roger, copy all. Out.
- 151145 Greeneville, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, Coast Guard Hawaii, ahh, via phone conversation with them, ahh, has, we have turned over on scene commander to the Coast Guard at time One Five Zero Three via phone line. Over
- 151214 Greeneville, this is COMSUBPAC, Over.
- 151236 Greeneville, this is COMSUBPAC, Over.
- 151312 Greeneville, this is COMSUBPAC, Over.
- 151321 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Roger. Over.

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151323 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, phone conversation with Coast Guard Honolulu, ahh, assumed over responsibility for Search and Rescue at time One Five Zero Three. Over

151339 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, understand Coast Guard Ha, Honolulu has assumed responsibility for Search and Rescue. Time of One Five Zero Three. Over.

151356 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, that is Charlie. SUBPAC, Out.

151800 (Time is 1518 Local)

151850 Tape runs out

New tape inserted and recording recommences.

152200 (Time is 1522 Local)

152203 Greenville, this is ahh, COMSUBPAC, Ahh, interrogative, status of ship ahh, being able to come in ahh, to port after hours, ahh, specifically, navigation equipment, ahh, rudder, etc, working properly, that there's no concerns, ahh, coming in port ahh, after dark. Over.

152225 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Stand by.

152323 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Over.

152327 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger, Over.

152334 COMSUBPAC, Greenville, Greenville is capable of coming into port after dark. Over.

152344 Greenville, Ahh, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, ahh, obviously you'll need to be ahh, released from ahh, the scene ahh, once ahh, your assistance is no longer needed. Over.

152404 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Acknowledge. We understand we will stay on the scene until released by the (unintelligible) Coast Guard. Over.

153244 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Ahh, be advised, Ahh, TWR's should be on scene shortly. Ahh, request you advise SUBPAC when ahh, TWR's are on scene. Over.

153256 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, ahh, will advise when TWR's are on scene. Out.

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153533 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Over.

153546 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Roger. Over.

153551 COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Ahh, be advised there is currently a news helicopter ahh, on the scene. Ahh, the helicopter is (unintelligible). Over.

153606 Greeneville, this is ahh, SUBPAC, Ahh, roger, ahh, there's already been ahh, some initial news reports on television. Over.

153616 And COMSUBPAC, this is Greeneville, Roger, understand. Out.

155309 Greeneville, this is COMSUBPAC, Roger. Over.

155314 SUBPAC, ahh, this is Chief of Staff, is Captain Winney on the ahh, in the area?

155319 Greeneville, this is SUBPAC, Ahh, roger. Stand by.

155324 Greeneville, SUBPAC, this is Captain Winney, Over.

155333 Bill, this is ahh, Chief of Staff, Ahh, what are you guys thinking on the beach?

155340 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, ahh, reports indicate ahh, there were Thirty Five people embarked on the ahh, ship that y'all collided with. Of which, Twenty Five are accounted for. Coast Guard ahh, has indicated they've had a guy on scene for a while, we have Two TWR's enroute, that probably ought to be there by now. Coast Guard had a helo on top and there's reportedly a C-130. Helo we were told has re has or is returning to base for fuel. And continue, continuing to search for ahh, ahh, whatever other people we can (unintelligible). Also, ahh, TV people are on scene, we've got a ahh, helo, ahh up in the air. That's TV 8. And one of their pictures I'm looking at right now does show a TWR in the vicinity. What else can I answer for you sir? Over.

155432 SUBPAC, this is Chief of Staff, Ahh, roger, that checks with what we have. Ahh, (unintelligible) a TWR, it's a small boat, helicopter, C-130, ahh, and the question is basically, ahh, intentions with regards to ahh, keeping Greeneville here, or returning and ahh, what (unintelligible) in regards to that, Break.

155452 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Roger, We're ahh, attempting to contact the Coast Guard, have been for about Ten minutes to see if we can get the Greeneville released, cause it looks like the ahh, sea state is high enough

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that it doesn't make sense to keep her around. Particularly now with the other guy's on scene. Ahh, although, we have an open line to them, we've been on hold for a while with them, so I'm heading back to see if I can get her released. We've also ahh, passed the word to ahh, to some key ahh, family members, and the Commodore's gone down to the pier, to ahh, speak to those families that may be standing on the pier. Over.

155528 Ahh, Captain Winney, Chief of Staff, Roger, Break, ahh, no, repeat again, no injuries or significant damage to ship Greeneville. Externally, ahh, the front edge of the rudder, you might be able to even see that from the TV, has ahh, stripped SHT from about halfway up the ahh, upper portion of the rudder to the top of the rudder on the forward edge, ahh, other than that, a 688 is allowed the ahh, screw to come out of the water a couple of times. I've seen the screw when I've been able to look visually through the scope, don't see any signs of damage there. Ahh, Break, ahh, thought process is ahh, is it better to bring the ship in before dark, and ahh, have some degree of media interest based on the visibility of the apparent small amount of damage to the ahh, to the rudder, or risk ahh, bringing the ship in, ahh after dark. Ahh, from a media standpoint, ahh, I was wondering if there was any thoughts on your end about that. Over

155633 Chief of Staff, SUBPAC, Ahh, Roger, Ahh, my ahh, intention was to ahh, to have her come in as soon as reasonably feasible given SAR efforts ahh, making her go up the channel in the dark just didn't seem like the right thing to do. Ahh, I would say off hand, if we ahh, choose not to bring her in tonight that perhaps we ought to have her wait until ahh, daylight, then bring her in then. Ahh, however, Ahh, we'll see. My predilection is to bring her in as soon SAR efforts make it possible to release her. Over.

155707 (unintelligible), Chief of Staff, I concur, idea of keeping over night, not optimal based on ahh, visitors onboard. Ahh, they're fine, no issues there either, a couple of them have a little minor seasick problems, but, ahh, no big issue, but I don't think, ahh, It shouldn't weight heavily in the decision making, but if there's a close one, that should be that we bring them in based on them being onboard also. Break, Ahh, I agree with you that ahh, we ahh, prefer to see daylight, running the risk of a little bit of press, as compared to night time, and ahh, another thing is, with regards to the visitors, I still suggest we bring the visitors off separate, from the ahh, ship whenever that is, put them on a small boat and ahh, we can debrief them on the small boat away from the ships crew ahh, about any ahh, you know, future ahh, press interest, or anything of that, that type of nature, and have ahh, the ship proceed to its port with whatever, if you guys are going to arrange with regards to any press ahh, press there. Over.

155804 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Roger, Break, will have a ahh, a ahh, TWR waiting at drydock Four to offload your VIP's, and have the ship

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come on in following them (unintelligible), (then, another voice says: We don't have TWR's) well, okay, I understand we don't have one available, ahh, we'll see what we, we can do to get them off separately. When ahh, we will inform you of what we ahh, find. My efforts then are going to be, get her released ahh, from the SAR efforts by the Coast Guard and get her in. Ahh, Commander Werner has done the liaison with the Navy, Navy region and other people and ahh, I don't expect there to be any press at the pier when you all get there because they have some, some things in their system that will keep press outside the gates. Over.

- 155847 Ahh, Bill, Chief of Staff, Roger, Ahh, appreciate same and ahh, wherever ahh, (unintelligible) go, or whoever will pick these folks up, ahh, lets have them ahh, not, not proceed to the same area as, at the pier and then we'll come prepared , so let me know when you ahh, get us released. Don't, you know, as you're doing, don't ahh, don't push it, if they need us out here for whatever reasons, Search and Rescue is most important, but, if you can I suggest that we ahh, try to ahh, (unintelligible) for the night.
- 155920 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Roger, do you have any formal tasking from the ahh, on scene Coast Guard guy? Over.
- ~155930 (Apparently Captain Winney picked up the handset, resulting in no audio being picked up.)
- 160006 And, Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Roger, Out.
- 160027 Greenville, this is ahh, COMSUBPAC ahh, command center, Over.
- 160034 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, Over.
- 160037 Greenville, ahh, COMSUBPAC ahh, command center, this is Captain Winney, ahh, liaison with the Coast Guard ahh, indicates they intend to release you shortly. I will call you ahh, when we have that formal release. Over.
- 160055 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, Roger, understand liaison with the Coast Guard, they intend to ahh, release us shortly, and you will give us a call as soon as you obtain that release. Greenville, Out.
- 160110 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC command center, Break, Coast Guard has released you from SAR. You may proceed inbound when ready, let us know your ETA to Papa Hotel. Over.
- 160125 COMSUBPAC this is Greenville, Roger, understand ahh, Coast Guard has released us from SAR, may proceed inbound, ahh, give you me ETA to

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Papa Hotel, Greenville will pass that as soon as (unintelligible) Greenville, Out.

- 160307 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, command center, ahh, Break, I had liaison with CINCPACFLT, they desire you to remain on scene assisting the SAR for present, I will work the issue of when we can get released. Over.
- 160333 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville. Roger, understand liaison with CINCPACFLT, they desire us to stay on scene ahh, aid in the SAR effort. Ahh, we will stay on ahh, the scene until ahh, informed otherwise. Greenville, Out.
- 160349 Greenville, SUBPAC command center, Roger, we'll work the issue for you. Ahh understand the ahh, the lack of desire to come up the channel in the dark and ahh, we'll see what we can do. Thank you, Out.
- 160758 Tape runs out.

New tape inserted and recording recommences, Approximate time 1628.

- ~162800 COMSUBPAC, Ahh, this is Greenville, Chief of Staff, Am I speaking to Captain Winney?
- ~162809 This is Captain Winney, Over.
- ~162951 Greenville, Ahh, this is ahh, COMSUBPAC, Captain Winney for the Chief of Staff, Over.
- ~163002 Captain Winney. (apparently Captain Winney picked up the handset, resulting in no further audio being picked up.)
- ~163024 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Roger, ahh, we have been working contact to make sure they all understand that ahh, people are ahh, well. Ahh, If you want to pass messages, ahh, we'll stand by to copy. Over.
- ~163040 SUBPAC, Chief of Staff, (apparently Captain Winney picked up the handset, resulting in no further audio being picked up.)
- ~163100 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Ahh, Break, Roger, expect they would. Its been on the several local channels, its hit CNN and ahh, has shown up in Japan (unintelligible) locations, so expectation is that, if they've been on ahh, TV, they have ahh, found out about it. Ahh, they have indicated we have gone over to ahh, contact families and make sure they all know that ahh, well, I'll check on status of, of if we have in fact gotten down the list

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and gotten all the reply work done. If (unintelligible) any reason we will make sure. Over.

- ~163136 Ahh, (apparently Captain Winney picked up the handset, resulting in no further audio being picked up.)
- ~163219 Chief of Staff, Captain Winney, Ahh, Roger, ahh, rationale as best we saw it in the command center had to do with ahh, First, not ahh, being able to get the ship in until after dark. Ahh, to liaison with CINCPACFLT. Ahh, Second, the reduced manning they have for ahh, the ship ahh, and then having discussed that with ahh, Captain Heardy and the later on in ahh, conversations with the Admiral as I updated him and passed that on he said his comment was yeah that's the right thing to do. Subsequently in conversation with the Admiral in a very recently, ahh he is arranged tickets to ahh, be back here tomorrow morning and ahh, he asked to have the ship ahh, not, not get to the pier until he could be there, which is ahh, about Ten O'clock pierside for the ship. We are getting ready to issue an OPS directive ahh, (unintelligible) to implement that. Over.
- ~163336 SUBPAC, (apparently someone picked up the handset, resulting in no further audio being picked up.)
- ~163353 Greenville, COMSUBPAC, Roger, Stand by we'll call you back in a minute. And will get some people standing by with a pad of paper, pads of paper, and so on to ahh, take information. Ahh, call you back shortly. COMSUBPAC, Out.
- ~165424 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, to clarify, request you pass the distinguished, the VIP phone numbers, and messages to pass, via that. If you have operational traffic, pass that via this, best circuit. Over.
- ~165437 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, I intend to pass my information by wirenote vice this net, ahh, for rapid ahh, connectivity. Over.
- ~165450 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Concur. COMSUBPAC, Out.
- ~171316 (Sound of tape restarting)
- >171316 COMSUBPAC, this is USS Greenville, Ahh, Captain Brandhuber, Ahh, I was wondering if you could ahh, give me an update on ahh, the ability to contact any of the relatives of the VIP's. Ahh, If you have any that have been contacted I would appreciate knowing that, so I could pass that to them. Over.
- >171336 (Sound of tape restarting)

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- >171336 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Go ahead. Over.
- >171342 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, we are in receipt of COMSUBPAC DTG One Zero Zero Four One Three Zulu February Zero One and will comply with the directive. Over.
- >171356 Greenville, this is COMSUBPAC, Copy all, do you have any further traffic for my station? Over.
- >171404 COMSUBPAC, this is Greenville, No further traffic, standing by this net. Out.
- >171444 (Tape ends)

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2/26/01. I have reviewed this transcript and removed several items regarding damage to shaft seals and other communications related information which would not be of any importance for release.

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